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Title: THE GENE CLUSTER INVOLVED IN ACLACINOMYCIN

BIOSYNTHESIS, AND ITS USE FOR GENETIC ENGINEERING

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination and calculation of the fees, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 6, 7, and 8 without prejudice.
Please add new claims 14 and 15 as follows:

14. (New) The process according to claim 9, wherein the DNA fragment includes an activator, a dehydratase, an exidoreductase, a dTDP-glucose 4,6-dehydratase, a glycosyl transferase, an isomerase, an aklaviketone reductase, a polyketide assembler, a cyclase, an aminomethylase, a glucose-1-phosphate thymidylyl transferase, and an aminotransferase.

15. (New) The process according to claim 13, wherein the DNA fragment includes an activator, a dehydratase, an